



**MINUTES OF  
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING FOR APRIL 22, 2008**

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008  
**TIME:** 5:06 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,  
Alameda, CA 94501\_\_\_\_

**1. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chair Ben Ulrey, Vice-Chair Vincent Morgado, Hannah Bowman, Ilya Pinsky, Anjuli Sastry, Bhaani Singh, Angela Sterling-Vick, Priscilla Szeto

(Lamont Carter - Late)

**Absent:** Commissioner Michelle Blackman, Jordan Flores

**Staff:** Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)  
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of April 8, 2008, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

**M/S/C**            **Ulrey / Sastry**                    **(Unanimously approved)**

**“That the Minutes of April 8, 2008 Youth Advisory Commission Meeting are approved.”**

**3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA**

(Any person may address the Commission in regard to any matter over which the Commission has jurisdiction or of which it may take cognizance that is not on the agenda.)

None

**4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Invitation - “Friday Night Lights” Event**

TC Wong and Commissioner Szeto invited the Commission to the May 9<sup>th</sup> event, at Woodstock Park. The FREE Event will be from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. There will be music, healthy food, and sports activities scheduled throughout the evening.

## **5. New Business**

### **A. Website Design for the Youth Commission - (Discussion / Action Item)**

Commissioner Pinsky requested having a Web Site designed for the Youth Commission. RS Russi asked who the website will target? What is the purpose of the Site? And why is one needed? TC Wong also replied with the City currently has a website. The Youth Commission information (Agendas, Minutes, and Applications) is currently available online. TC Wong also stated that someone needs to be dedicated to updating the site and then who will update it once the current Commissioners leave. Audrey Lord-Hausman (ACCFY) stated that there is usually a cost to operating and for technical support of any websites. She also questioned where the money will come from and the cost. Commissioner Pinsky offered to research and will provide additional information at the next meeting.

### **B. Library Service (Teens) Focus Group - (Discussion / Action Item)**

TC Wong stated the meeting was postponed due to illness of the library consultant. More details will be provided at a later date.

### **C. Subcommittee Report (Discussion):**

#### **1) Youth Collaborative Meeting**

Chair Ulrey reported on the Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families (ACCYF) meeting. Commissioners Singh, Szeto, and Ulrey provided a status report to ACCYC on their current tasks at hand which included establishing By Laws for the Youth Commission, transportation issues, and why members joined the Youth Commission.

#### **2) "Meet Your Public Officials" Event**

Commissioners Bowman, Carter, Sastry, Singh, and Ulrey are all interested in attending the event.

#### **3) Logo Design**

Commissioners Bowman, Carter, Flores, and Singh agreed to set a date to discuss the Logo. They requested a room at the Alameda Free Library for Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The Subcommittee suggested that everyone bring ideas and drafts of a possible Logo to the meeting. The Subcommittee will then forward their ideas.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Teen Needs Assessment Survey - (Discussion / Action Item)**

Melissa Jones, Program Specialist from Development Services, provided a presentation on the 2005-2006 Community Needs Assessment, prepared by the City of Alameda and Social Service Human Relations Board (SSHRB). Overview included the gathering of data and how it is used, determining what needs, planning for assessment, planning and preparation of surveys, interaction

with adults/community groups/local government/businesses, and the type of assessment (long formal/short informal).

RS Russi informed the Commission of the importance for a Needs Assessment. The Assessment is used as a recommendation tool to help local governments determine needs, funding, and set policies. Melissa said the 2005-2006 assessment took approximately eight months to complete. Commissioner Singh would like to see the assessment postponed until next year. Commissioner Bowman would like to see a subcommittee formed to “brainstorm” on the assessment. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

#### **B. AC Transit – Youth Fares (Subcommittee Report) – (Discussion / Action Item)**

Commissioner Sastry contacted John Knox White (Transportation Board), and both are communicating about youth fare hikes. Commissioner Morgado requested that he be removed from the Subcommittee. Commissioner Sterling-Vick stated that she was interested in serving and is drafting a petition list which will be presented at the next meeting. Commissioner Sterling-Vick also stated fare increases will negatively impact students at Home Project, Base, and Alternative in Action which are located at Alameda Point.

#### **C. By Laws Review (Discussion / Action Item)**

TC Wong stated that the By Laws were submitted for legal review by City Attorney. More information will be available at the next meeting.

### **7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL**

- A. RS Russi and TC Wong promoted the Teen Job Faire, Thursday, April 24, at the Veterans Building, from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM.
- B. TC Wong discussed recruitment of Youth Commissioners, and requested the current Commissioners promote serving. RS Russi informed the Commission that applications are available through the City Clerk and Alameda Recreation and Park Department's website.
- C. Commissioner Carter provided information about the Theater Grand Opening Gala.
- D. Commissioner Pinsky stated that Representative Stark will be at Encinal High on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 AM through 10:00 PM to speak about Budget cuts.

#### **8. Next Meeting Date:**

**Tuesday, May 13, 2008; 5:00 PM**

#### **9. Adjournment**

**6:30 p.m.**